

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FINANCE, WAYS, & MEANS COMMITTEE

November 10, 2015; 9:00 A.M.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, James Westbrook, Tommy Jones, Larry Taylor, Roger Donaldson, David Hawks, and Earl Wright.

Finance, Ways, & Means Members Absent: Commissioners Dennis Doster and Greg Usery.

The Finance, Ways, & Means Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Weakley County Department of Finance Board Room. Others present included Shawn Francisco - Director of Finance, Jake Bynum - County Mayor, Charles Ross - Highway Superintendent, Randy Frazier - Director of Schools and Donnie Essary - Essary Automotive.

Chairman Eric Owen called the FWM meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Owen called for a motion to approve FWM minutes from July 7, 2015, July 28, 2015 and September 17, 2015. Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve all minutes and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer No. 1516-05: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works moves \$1,000 from line 53400.320 (Dues & Memberships) to 53400.355 (Travel) in the Clerk & Master budget. Commissioner Hawks made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1516-05 and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion unanimously passed.

Transfer No. 1516-06: This transfer previously passed by Public Safety & Works moves \$450 from line 53300.317 (Data Processing Services) to line 53300.307 (Communication) and moves \$200 from line 53300.432 (Library Books/Media) to line 53300.320 (Dues & Memberships) in the General Sessions Court budget. Commissioner Donaldson made the motion to approve Transfer No. 1516-06 and with a second by Commissioner Taylor the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2016-08: Previously passed by HEED, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to the Child Nutrition Fund to receipt funds from the United States Department of Agriculture and from the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2016-08 to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2016-09: Previously passed by HEED, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Purpose School fund for revenue received from the State of Tennessee for reimbursement of high cost expenditures for IDEA students that occurred in the 2014-2015 school year. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2016-09 to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2016-11: Previously passed by Public Safety & Works, this resolution authorizes budget amendments in the General Fund to receipt grant money awarded to the Sheriff's Department to purchase vehicle in-car video equipment. Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2016-11 to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion unanimously passed.

Resolution No. 2016-12: Previously passed by HEED, this resolution authorizes budget amendments to the General Fund to receipt grant money awarded to the Dresden and to the Sharon Aging programs. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to approve and recommend Resolution No. 2016-12 to the full County Commission and with a second by Commissioner Jones the motion unanimously passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Owen informed the Committee that Public Safety & Works was working with a firm, Pioneer Credit Co., to collect delinquent fines. This firm will work with Mrs. Killebrew and Judge Moore to collect money from individuals who have not attempted to pay their fines. There is no cost to the County for this service.

Chairman Owen recognized Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Taylor stated that he had attended the City of Martin meeting and during the meeting a discussion concerning a bill that Senator Watson was trying to introduce that would take 50% of sales tax from the cities. Commissioner Westbrook stated that when the sales taxes was originally set up in 1947 a percentage of the state portion would be returned to the cities, not the counties, and now the counties would like a share of that percentage.

Chairman Owen recognized Mr. Frazier for an update on the building projects. Mr. Frazier noted that the Martin Primary project was 100% complete and that the Martin Elementary project was 99.9% complete lacking only the screens around the HVAC units. The HVAC at Sharon is 80% complete. Gleason is also about 80% complete. All interior work is complete, only the outside setting of units is lacking. At Greenfield, the project is about 1/3 complete. The goal is to have the roof on the gym by next month. At Westview, the site work in the front and back is complete. Next week bid information for the Multi-Purpose Room at Westview and the Fieldhouse at Martin Middle will be released. Drawings for the Dresden High project are at the Fire Marshall's office and hope to have approved by next month. Things are moving forward and currently the projects are \$160,000 under budget. There was approximately \$190,000 of unexpected cost at the Greenfield project which has caused some concern.

Commissioner Taylor questioned the building of a helicopter pad at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Westbrook noted this is not a County project, it is a Weakley County Ambulance project.

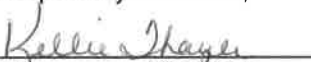
Commissioner Donaldson requested the latest information on the tire disposal issue. Commissioner Westbrook answered that officially the issue was being corrected because the current resolution unlawfully excluded dealers. Chairman Owen added that currently they were waiting on a ruling from the Attorney General.

Chairman Owen recognized Mr. Bynum. Mr. Bynum informed the Committee that he and Mrs. Francisco sat through a conference call with the bond rating company to get a new bond rating as a requirement for the \$12 million loan. Mr. Bynum also stated that the work on the Courthouse would start this week. Also, he talked with Trane who is doing an energy audit for the schools about possibly doing the same for the Courthouse. Representatives from Trane will make a presentation on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 5pm.

Chairman Owen noted that the internet and phone bills at the Courthouse seemed high. Mr. Bynum hopes that the new phone system will help save money.

Having no other business Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to adjourn at 9:38 am and with a second by Commissioner Hawks the motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kellie Thayer, Secretary
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee

Approved: 

Eric Owen, Chairman
Finance, Ways, & Means Committee
Date: 12/16/2015